

# ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE & SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46

## DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS

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# Meeting Norms

1. Please hold your questions until the end of the presentation.
2. Please type all your questions in the Q & A section of your webinar
3. Answers to these questions will be placed in the Q & A section and will be answered at the end of the presentation.
4. This meeting will be recorded.

# TONIGHT'S AGENDA

1. What is Dual Credit?
2. Program Overview
3. Student Qualifications
4. FAQs and Next Steps

# What is Dual Credit?

- Dual credit is the term given to courses in which high school students **earn both high school and college credits simultaneously.**
- Full-time Dual Credit is the opportunity for juniors and senior U-46 students to take all their classes at Elgin Community College (ECC)
- Full-time dual credit courses are taught by ECC instructors using the ECC course syllabus and materials
- Agreement between U46 and ECC
- Earn transferable college credits

# FULL-TIME DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

- Students are enrolled full-time at ECC and take all their courses at ECC
  - No classes are taken at the home high school
- Students take 4-5 classes (15 credit hours) per semester
- Students are considered both ECC and U-46 students
- Students earn a transcript from both ECC and U-46
- Students receive weighted credit on their U-46 transcript
- Students meet with U-46 lead counselor throughout their enrollment in the program

## **FULL-TIME DUAL CREDIT SENIOR ENROLLMENT (1-YEAR PROGRAM, 25 students total)**

- Students may earn 24+ transferable credits (minimum of 12 credits per semester)
- Course options are selected by ECC and the school district to ensure they meet the student's high school graduation requirements (including PE)
- Students meet with ECC's academic advising department to develop academic plan
- All courses are chosen from the associate degree of arts or science program

## **FULL-TIME DUAL CREDIT JUNIOR ENROLLMENT (2-YEAR PROGRAM, 50 students total)**

- Students enroll in 4-5 courses each semester at the ECC campus (average of 15 credit hours per semester)
- Students will plan to complete the degree requirements for an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree at the end of their senior year
- Summer courses may be required between junior and senior year
- An ECC academic advisor guides students in selecting classes that fit their college plans, transfer plans and meets high school graduation requirements.

# DUAL CREDIT STUDENT QUALIFICATIONS

- Current sophomore or junior at the time of application
- Enrolled as a U46 student throughout application year and program enrollment
- Have at least a 3.00 unweighted high school GPA at time of application and maintain the 3.0 unweighted GPA throughout application year
- Demonstrate college-readiness – Reading, English, and Mathematics
  - Students must have qualifying scores – ECC Placement Tests/SAT/PSAT
- Meet other high school requirements as noted by district policies
- All students must submit a dual credit U46 agreement



# BENEFITS OF DUAL CREDIT

- Earn college credit while in high school
- Save money on completing college
- Gain early college experience with high school supports
- Obtain a college credential earlier than peers

# STUDENT FEEDBACK - BENEFITS

- “The challenge and realization of what I want to do”
- “Being able to get a feel and understanding of college classes”
- “I am able to get a head start on college and learn more things that are needed for my future.”
- “Getting to obtain college credit while not having to pay tuition (great deal!)”
- “Experiencing the pressures of a college class while still being a high school student”
- “The flexibility and the sense of independence.”

# STUDENT FEEDBACK - CHALLENGES

- “A disconnect from our home high schools”
- “Allocating study time for myself and having to manage my own time well”
- “Procrastinating on class assignments and making time to study.”
- “The amount of homework was a bit overwhelming at first but then I learned to manage everything”
- “Lack of socialization” (different from high school)

# STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FOR COLLEGE CLASSES

- Responsibility for their own learning
- Accountability for course policies
- Self-monitoring and reflection – identify when at-risk
- Self-advocacy - take action; use academic support resources
- Intentional development of self-management skills
- Attendance matters
- Utilize ECC learning management system (D2L)
- Use of ECC-issued emails

# STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FOR COLLEGE CLASSES

- Full-time Dual Credit students are considered ECC college students
  - Transition from family responsibility to student responsibility
  - Advising is done with student
  - Student is expected to initiate all outreach with ECC professors and personnel
  - Parents will not have access to student grades at ECC

# Supports for Students in Dual Credit Program

- Lead Counselor from School District U-46
  - Required weekly Friday meetings
  - Weekly office hours
  - Meetings as needed
- ECC Spartan Alert
- ECC Tutors
- ECC Write Place, Math Lab, One-on-One tutoring
- ECC Dual Credit Student Readiness Coordinator

## FULL-TIME DUAL CREDIT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- School District U-46 will pay all ECC fees and tuition costs during the school year.
- Students/Families responsible for U-46 registration fees for each year in the program
- Students/Families responsible for purchasing books and meals at ECC
- Students are required to attend Friday meetings with U-46 lead counselor every semester

## FULL-TIME DUAL CREDIT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- All Dual Credit classes are weighted and included in the student's high school GPA
- Students/Families responsible for transportation to and from ECC for classes
- Students/Families responsible for transportation to their home high school for any extra-curricular sports, clubs and activities.



# DUAL CREDIT FAQs

- How many students will be enrolled in the Full-Time program?
  - There will be a total of 50 rising juniors accepted into the full-time program for the 2021-22 school year. Ten students from each comprehensive high school.
  - There will be a total of 25 rising seniors accepted into the full-time program for the 2021-22 school year. Five students from each comprehensive high school.
- What if there are more applicants to the full-time program than spots available?
  - Our current agreement with ECC is for only 50 junior level students and 25 senior level students.
  - Students will need to meet the approval criteria – grade point and tests scores and depending on the number of approved students, a lottery with a wait list.

# DUAL CREDIT FAQs

- What if my student is enrolled in Dual Language or the Academy?
  - If a student is interested and accepted into the full-time program, they would take all their classes at ECC and would not be a part of Dual Language or Academy any more.
  - Dual credit students can earn their Seal of Biliteracy through U-46
- Will the Dual Credit courses transfer to all colleges/universities?
  - College courses are governed by Illinois Articulation Initiative, a statewide transfer agreement, which is transferable among more than 100 participating colleges and universities in Illinois. It benefits students who know they are going to transfer but are undecided on the college or university that will grant their baccalaureate degree.
  - If students are planning to attend an institution outside of Illinois, then families are highly encouraged to talk directly with those schools
  - Transferology.com is a useful resource. Also, university/college websites have transfer guide information available for students to review.

# DUAL CREDIT FAQs

- Can my full-time dual credit student play IHSA (high school) sports?
  - Yes, they are able to participate on high school sports' teams and must maintain IHSA eligibility by passing 5 classes every week
  - Student is responsible for communication with coach and transportation to practices
- Can my full-time dual credit student participate in high school band?
  - They can participate in after school band activities but cannot be a part of the school day band class.
- Are Dual Credit classes weighted?
  - Yes, they are weighted the same as AP classes.

# DUAL CREDIT FAQs

- What is an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree?
  - An Associate of Arts degree is a two-year degree in general education. Students take a variety of courses to complete this degree. It is considered a transfer degree to a Bachelor of Arts (four-year) degree
  - An Associate of Science degree is a two-year degree with a science, technology, engineering and/or math (STEM) concentration. It is considered a transfer degree to a Bachelor of Science (four-year) degree.
  - Students are required to take a minimum of 15 credits per semester for two years to earn one of these two degrees.
  - ECC information on [Associate of Arts](#) degree
  - ECC information on [Associate of Science](#) degree

# SCHOOL DISTRICT U46 – NEXT STEPS

- Review the dual credit program options carefully
- Talk with your parents/guardians about the program options to identify which may work best for you
- Meet with your school counselor at your high school to answer any other questions
- Complete the Dual Credit U46 Initial Interest Survey - program guide in chat/website

# SCHOOL DISTRICT U46 – NEXT STEPS

- Once you complete the initial interest survey, you will receive the ECC Application Guide. Follow the instructions in the guide to complete the ECC application and testing requirements.
- **Priority Deadline:** January 31, 2021
- **Final Deadline:** February 15, 2021
- **Admission Decision:** March 5, 2021

# What if I do not receive a spot in the program?

- Have a conversation with your high school counselor about your in high school advanced academic options
  - Take AP courses
  - Take the in-high school dual credit courses offered at all 5 high schools
    - Dual credit courses in English, Spanish, and math offered during the typical school day at your high school

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# QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

Powerpoint, recording, Dual Credit Program Guide & Application Guide  
posted on website on Friday, October 30th.

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